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MEMORANDUM

TO: Intermediate and Local School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
Nonpublic School Superintendents
School Principals

FROM: Natasha Baker *NBaker*
Deputy Superintendent of Education Services and
State School Reform Officer

SUBJECT: Increased Funding for Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant
(TRIG)-Device Purchasing

It is with great pleasure that the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Education Improvement and Innovation (OEII), announces that an additional \$1 million dollars will be added to the Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG), Device Purchasing Statewide Activity to increase devices purchasing incentives. This activity administers statewide bids for mobile learning devices and desktop computers to support building the capacity of educators at intermediate school districts, public school districts, and public school academies to effectively plan and implement online assessments and "Any Time, Any Place, Any Way, Any Pace" learning.

Over the past two years, the Device Purchasing Activity has enabled districts across the state to purchase over 206,000 devices for savings of 35 percent. Last year alone this activity generated a savings of over \$34 million dollars in discounts obtained due to the large purchase volume. Additional savings was provided by device vendors providing key value-adds to districts such as, personal purchasing programs, device management, and professional development.

The 2014-15 purchase window will be open on April 15, 2015. For additional information on the Device Purchasing activity visit <http://22itrig.org/activities/activity-four/>. For more information on the TRIG awards, please contact Amanda Stoel at StoelA@michigan.gov or (517) 241-3629.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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